Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I said that the question is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* For how long?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

KONTHIPULAM ROAD—LOCATION, ETC. OF

142. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any definite decision is arrived at regarding the Konthipulam road (location);

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, which is the alignment approved;

(*c*) when will this work be undertaken?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Konthipulam-Matayikonam alignment is the one approved. It connects the Panchayat roads at Matayikonam and Nedumpal and is along the existing cart-tract.

(*c*) The acquisition proceedings are in progress and the estimate is under preparation.

FEES UNDER MOTOR VEHICLES ACT

143. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the rate of fees levied under the Motor Act for the following.—

(*i*) registration of vehicles,

(*ii*) driving licenses and badges,

(*iii*) brake certificates,

(*iv*) G. Permits,

(*v*) conductor's pass book and badges;

(*b*) whether any additional fee is levied for renewals;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the rates prevailing in the Madras Presidency for the above items; if so, what are the rates;

(*d*) the amounts realised by the Government in 1114 under Motor Act in each of the above items;

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(*e*) the amount realised by the Government as fines from the bus, lorry and car-owners, drivers, and conductors for offences under the Motor Act in 1114; does the Police Department keep an account of the receipts of such fines;

(*f*) the total expenditure incurred by the Government in 1114 for maintaining the Traffic Section in the Police Department, *e.g.* pay of Traffic Inspector, or Inspectors, Head constables, constables, etc.;

(*g*) whether representations have been received by the Government from the bus-owners and motor-workers to get a reduction in license fees?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) & (*b*) The Hon'ble Member is referred to the relevant Act and Rules.

(*c*) Yes. The rates for them in the Madras Presidency are the same except for brake certificate and drivers' badges which are Rs. 10 and Rs. 2 respectively instead of Rs. 12—8—0 and Re. 1 in this State.

(*d*)

	Rs.
Registration	2,577
Driving licenses	4,578
Brake certificates	6,858
G. Permits	3,394
Conductor licenses	437

(*e*) The amount of fines realised in 1114 under the Motor Vehicles Act in all the Magistrates' Courts together is Rs. 2,463. No account is kept by the Police Department.

(*f*) Rs. 3,408.

(*g*) Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know when were the relevant rules published?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* If you refer to the rules, you will find the date also.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* When were they published?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* The Cochin State Motor Vehicles Rules were published in the Gazette.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know, whether any amendments to these rules have been effected?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police)*: Yes, there have been several amendments and they have also been published from time to time.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: മോട്ടോർ വെഹിക്കിൾ ലൈസൻസ് ഫീസ് എത്രയാണെന്ന ഇന്ഫർമേഷൻ അറിയുവാൻ ആക്ട് മുഴുവൻ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ കഷ്ടമാണ് അതു് ഇതുവരെ ഒരു ബുക്കായിട്ട പബ്ലിഷ് ചെയ്തിട്ടമില്ല.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*: All these rules are being consolidated and published.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: മോട്ടോർ വെഹിക്കിളിനുള്ള ലൈസൻസ് ഫീസ് എന്താണെന്ന് ഒരു ചോദ്യം ചോദിച്ചാൽ ര ഉരുപ്പികയാണെന്ന പറയുന്നതിനുപകരം മോട്ടോർ വെഹിക്കിളിന്റെ റൂൾ പബ്ലിഷുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതു നോക്കണമെന്നാണ് പറയുന്നതു്.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Are not these Acts and Rules available at the Press for sale?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*: It is only a request to the Government, that is all.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is there any difficulty for people getting the information necessary from the Department concerned?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police)*: No.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ചോദ്യം ചോദിക്കുവാൻ പഠിപ്പിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ വളരെ കഷ്ടമാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: മോട്ടോർ വെഹിക്കിൾസ് ആക്ടിൽ പലകാലങ്ങളിലായി പല അമെൻഡ്മെന്റുകളും ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. വി. കണ്ണൻനായർ: അതിന്റെ ഒരു വാള്യം പബ്ലിഷ് ചെയ്തു കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. രണ്ടാമത്തെ വാള്യം അടുത്തതന്നെ പബ്ലിഷ് ചെയ്യുന്നമുണ്ട്.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Are not these Rules and Acts maintained up-to-date in the Departments concerned and is there any difficulty for the public to get any information from the Department, if they come and ask for it?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police)*: Absolutely no difficulty.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is it not a question of comparative difficulty for the Government and this side of the House?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In the Police Department, if anybody goes and asks at a Police station what is the rate for a motor-car, will they give the information asked for?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Certainly, they will give it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has there been any charge that anybody has been asked more money than is necessary for registering his vehicle?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* A very helpful question, Sir. May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for Police remembers these figures now, so that we may compare the figures that prevail in British India?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* I have no definite information, now.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether there is any case that any Departmental Head is suffering from want of staff?

Mr. President: That question does not arise.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ഈ Acts and Proclamations മെമ്പർമാർക്ക് കവർമെന്റിൽ നിന്ന് സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്യുമോ?

Mr. President: That is too costly a publication.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Can we get the information asked here from the consolidated book that is published now?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* These Consolidated Rules are being published. Only one part is published now.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: മോട്ടോർ വെഹിക്കിൾ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഒരു മാന്വൽ പബ്ലിഷ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ: ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: അതു വളരെ പഴക്കമുള്ളതല്ലേ?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* There was a publication and it is being revised.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know the approximate number of amendments effected to that publication and when was the last publication of those rules in a compact book made?

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Mr. President: I would like to know whether the object of this question arises out of the difficulty of the hon'ble member of getting the amendments, passed in a series of years. Is that the idea? If so, the hon'ble members must make up their minds first to say what their difficulties are.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* The difficulty is this. A pointed question should be answered pointedly.

Mr. President: No, if information that is not published is necessary it will be given.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Then why did you supply these figures "Rs. 2,577 for Registration, etc."? We could have very well collected them from the Gazettes. You could have referred us to the Gazettes.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* You cannot find them in the Gazette. Registration charges are not published in the Gazette.

Mr. President: It is left to the discretion of the Departmental Heads. We cannot lay a hard and fast rule for that.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* In cases where information can be had very easily from the Departmental Heads...

Mr. President: It will be equally easy for the hon'ble member to refer to these Acts, and if he can get it why should he ask for it?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is not for the information of the member alone. It is for public interest.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ചില ഫിഗേഴ്സ് കിട്ടിയതിനശേഷം വേണം സപ്ലിമെൻററി ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ ചോദിക്കുവാൻ. അതു് എത്രയാണെന്നു് ഞങ്ങൾക്കു തീർച്ചയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് എത്രയാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ വളരെ ഉപകാരമായിരിക്കും.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ഇവിടെ ബ്രേക്കു സർട്ടിഫിക്കററിനു ഫീസെത്രയാണെന്നു ചോദിക്കുമ്പോൾ ആകെ നോക്കണമെന്നും, ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൽ ഫാറം ഉരുപ്പികയാണെന്നും പറഞ്ഞാൽ ശരിയല്ല. ഇവിടെ എത്രയാണെന്നു തീർച്ച അറിയുവാനാണു് ചോദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്.

Mr. President: If the hon'ble member asked that question in a direct form, Government could have answered it very easily.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know who takes the brake certificate money now-a-days?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* The Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* There was a time here when the Police Commissioner was taking it into his pockets *(Laughter)*.

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Mr. President: In view of the fact that we get so many questions during every session and, as I mentioned, the answering of questions entails tremendous work both for the Heads of Departments and the Secretariat, hon'ble members will be helping themselves, the Government and the public, if they frame the questions in a suitable manner. If, for example, it is intended to draw the attention of the Government for an information based upon facts which is in the knowledge of the hon'ble members, the best form of asking that question is stating that fact first and asking for information. As a matter of fact, I had disallowed certain questions on the ground that they are abusing the right of questioning. They contain a number of details and a number of years for which statistics are asked for. I think, it is something, certainly impossible for any Government to answer.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* They are not sure of the facts in their possession.

Mr. President: When an hon'ble member takes so much trouble to discharge his public duties we expect him to take the trouble to get the necessary information from the public.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Even after taking the trouble, it is difficult to get the information.

Mr. President: In that sense, it will be given by the Government and exactly in that way the Government comes in and that is how the question time is utilised.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Ernakulam):* Formerly there was a Motor Manual containing a few pages and it was possible for the public to purchase that. But now they find it difficult to buy these mighty volumes.

Mr. President: All the Acts and Rules are now being brought in a most up-to-date form. In fact we have done practically most of the work.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* But will we get these rules separately?

Mr. President: They are available in a separate form. Every Act and Rule will be available separately also. Unfortunately we do not get a sale for these published things. That is one of our difficulties. Not even 10 copies of our important Rules are sold.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Police Commissioner receives any report when the offenders are fined in the Magistrate's Court as to the amounts of the fines realised from them?

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Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

RECRUITS TO POLICE FORCE—DEPRESSED CLASS CANDIDATES 1114 & 1115

144. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names of candidates from among the Depressed Classes who were recruited to the Police Force as constables in 1114;

(*b*) are they in service at present;

(*c*) if not, when did they leave the service and why;

(*d*) when did the recruitment to the Police Force in 1115 take place;

(*e*) the names of candidates from among the Depressed Classes who are selected as constables?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) 1. K. K. Kuttappan (Vathy)
2. K. V. Ayyappan (Kakkalan)
3. V. T. Karappan (Vettuvan)

(*b*) Yes; all except No. 3.

(*c*) No. 3 was discharged from service on 28th Mithunam 1114 for a charge of malingering.

(*d*) On 14th Kanni 1115.

(*e*) 1. C. N. Velukutty (Velan)
2. D. Lakshmanan (Kudumi Chetty)
3. V. T. Velayudhan (Tarakan)
4. C. A. Thupran (Padannan)
5. K. K. Krishnan (Pulayan)

There are 2 more which have been omitted from this list.

They are 6. K. S. Kannan (Valan)
7. Vasu (Ezhuva)

KEECHERI M. S. TEACHER—MOLESTATION OF COMPLAINT REGARDING

145. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ : താഴെ എഴുതുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും ഉടയും മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) കണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ കീച്ചേരി ദേശത്തു മലയാളം സ്കൂളിൽ ജോലി നോക്കുന്ന കെ. കെ. കണ്ണൻ എന്നയ

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